

NEW PEOPLE, NEW PLACES

Jennifer M. Dubay has been promoted to shareholder status at the Phoenix office of **Greenberg Traurig LLP**. She practices in commercial litigation and condemnations.



Jennifer M. Dubay

Michael Owen Miller has joined the Tucson office of **Quarles & Brady Streich Lang LLP**. He concentrates his practice in product liability, health care and major negligence actions.



Michael Owen Miller

Joining the firm's Phoenix office as an associate is **Andre Merrett**, former Vice President and General Counsel for Mesa Air Group, Inc.

Deputy County Attorney **Shab Amiri** has joined the **Maricopa County Attorney's Office** Community Action Bureau. She will focus on the prosecution and eradication of graffiti and illegal dumping.

Kevin M. Judiscak has been named a partner at **Engelman Berger PC**, a Phoenix commercial law firm.

Joseph B. Emig has joined **Gillespie & Associates** as an associate and will practice in the areas of medical malpractice, personal injury and employment discrimination.

Michael Salcido joined **Gust Rosenfeld**, Phoenix, as a partner. He will practice in securities, investment and commercial litigation.



Michael Salcido

Snell & Wilmer LLP named three new associates to its Phoenix office.

Matthew D. Mitchell concentrates in labor and employment law. **Geoffrey S. Kercsmar** will practice in commercial litigation. **Robert G. Vaught** will practice in litigation.

James E. Cross and **Alan A. Meda** joined the firm **Osborn Maledon**, Phoenix. Both attorneys practice in the

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area of bankruptcy. Also joining the firm were **Jill Harrison**, practicing in commercial litigation and criminal defense, and **Nancy E. R. Pisaruk**, practicing in corporate law.

Lewis and Roca LLP has named **James Lee** as an associate in its business and tax group. He will practice in estate planning.



James Lee

Cynthia M. Chandley has joined **Ryley Carlock & Applewhite** as a shareholder. The former Senior Counsel with Phelps Dodge Corp. will practice in water, natural resources and environmental law.



Cynthia M. Chandley

Little Mendelson, Phoenix, has named **Dawn A. Noble** as a new associate. She will practice in litigation and employment law.

Laura Palmer Noone, Ph.D., has been named the president of the **University of Phoenix**. She has served as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs at the institution, which has more than 85,000 students attending campuses in 19 states, Puerto Rico and Canada.



Laura Palmer Noone

New law firm **Ybarra Pedrini PLLC** has been formed by **Gloria G. Ybarra**, former Special Counsel for Civil Rights to the Arizona Attorney General, and **Bruna E. Pedrini**, former Chief Counsel for the civil rights section and the conflict resolution section of the Attorney General's Office. Firm offices are located at 1300 E. Missouri, Suite D-200, Phoenix 85014.

HONORS & AWARDS

John Stookey, a partner at Osborn Maledon PA, received the Presidential Commendation by the **Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice**. He serves on the Capital Case Commission

and was honored for his dedication to an ongoing evaluation of the death penalty in Arizona.

The Volunteer Lawyers Program in Tucson named **Chris Nakamura** as its Outstanding Pro Bono Attorney of the Month for March. He is an Administrative Member of Gibson, Nakamura & Decker PLLC, and he serves as President of the Arizona Minority Bar Association. Receiving the award in February was **Thabet Khalidi**, who practices in the areas of domestic relations, employment and labor law and personal injury.



Chris Nakamura



Thabet Khalidi

Paul A. Conant has been awarded the AV rating by **Martindale-Hubbell**. He practices with Galbut and Conant, and his new rating is in the areas of commercial litigation and securities litigation.

Arizona Court of Appeals Judge **Susan Ehrlich** has been appointed by Mayor Skip Rimsza to the Phoenix Human Services Commission.

Valley Leadership named **José Cárdenas** its 2000 Man of the Year. Cárdenas is the managing partner of Lewis and Roca LLP. He is also the chairman of the board of the Valley of the Sun United Way, and he serves on the board of Chicanos Por La Causa.



José Cárdenas

Wayne C. Benesch received the 2000 Small Businessman of the Year Award presented by the **Yuma County Chamber of Commerce**. His firm, Byrne, Benesch, Longbottom & Villarreal, PC, was selected by the Chamber in June 2000 and January 2001 for Business of the Month.

Glenn Bacal, chair of the Intellectual Property Practice at Quarles & Brady Streich Lang, has been listed in the 2001-

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2002 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. He also is the principal author of "The Practical Lawyer's 2001 Guide to Internet Research," posted on the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Web site.

Lewis and Roca partner **Foster Robberson** has been appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors of **Goodwill Industries of Central Arizona**.

Howard M. Shanker, of the Phoenix office of Hagens Berman & Mitchell, has been appointed to a three-year term on the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC)** Enforcement Subcommittee.

The American Bar Association has published a book by **Robert J. McWhirter**, Assistant Federal Public Defender for the District of Arizona. The book is titled *A Criminal Lawyer's Guide to Immigration Law: Questions and Answers*.

Hal Israel, an attorney with Jaburg and Wilk, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the **Actors Theatre of Phoenix**.

Tom Berning, Litigation Director for the William E. Morris Institute for Justice, received the 2000 Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray Make a Difference Award from the **Tucson Human Relations Commission**. He was recognized for community service in defense of civil rights advocacy for low-income and minority students.

Susan M. Freeman, a partner with Lewis and Roca LLP, has been named as the sole Arizona representative to the board of directors of the **Council of Appellate Lawyers**.

Robert J. Rosepink of Rosepink & Estes PLLC has been elected Treasurer of the **American College of Trust and Estate Counsel**, a national association.

In the April issue, the telephone number for the newly opened law office of Jane C. Fennelly was incorrect. Her telephone number is (602) 909-1855, and her fax number is (602) 297-0787.